GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2774
ANSWERED ON:20.03.2002
BORDER DISPUTE WITH INDONESIA
BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken any steps to resolve the border dispute with Indonesia;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether dispute over two islands of Andaman & Nicobar has pending for many decades; and

(e) if so, the steps taken to resolve the issue?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) & (b) There is no border dispute with Indonesia. The Agreement on Continental Shelf Boundary signed in 1974 and ratified in 1977 by India and Indonesia de-limits the boundaries in the Andaman Sea.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No, Sir. The Agreement signed by India, Indonesia and Thailand concerning the related boundaries of the three countries in the Andaman Sea signed in New Delhi on 22 June 1978 has settled the status of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

(e) Does not arise.